

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A viscosity modifier for a plastisol composition containing a (meth)acrylic polymer, comprising at least one selected from the group consisting of compounds (A1) to and (C):

~~(A) a compound having at least one selected from the group consisting of the following groups (A1) to (A3):~~

~~(A1) zinc octylate or sodium laurate a carboxyl group or a salt thereof;~~

~~(A2) an alkoxy group; and~~

~~(A3) a glycidyl group,~~

~~(B) an amine compound; and~~

~~(C) a metal chelate compound.~~

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Original) The viscosity modifier for a plastisol composition according to claim 1, wherein the metal chelate compound (C) is at least one metal chelate compound selected from the group consisting of an aluminum chelate compound, a titanium chelate compound and a zirconium chelate compound.

7. (Currently Amended) A plastisol composition comprising a (meth)acrylic polymer and at least one selected from the group consisting of compounds (A1) and (C):

(A1) zinc octylate or sodium laurate and

(C) a metal chelate compound containing the viscosity modifier according to any one of claims 1 to 6.

8. (Currently Amended) The plastisol composition according to claim 7,

~~containing comprising~~ an acrylic polymer.

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Cancelled)

11. (New) The viscosity modifier for a plastisol composition according to claim 1, comprising zinc octylate.

12. (New) The viscosity modifier for a plastisol composition according to claim 1, comprising sodium laurate.

13. (New) The viscosity modifier for a plastisol composition according to claim 1, comprising a metal chelate compound.

14. (New) The viscosity modifier for a plastisol composition according to claim 1, comprising at least one metal chelate compound (C) selected from the group consisting of an aluminum chelate compound, a titanium chelate compound and a zirconium chelate compound.

15. (New) The plastisol composition according to claim 7, comprising zinc octylate.

16. (New) The plastisol composition according to claim 7, comprising sodium laurate.

17. (New) The plastisol composition according to claim 7, comprising a metal chelate compound.

18. (New) The plastisol composition according to claim 7, comprising at least one metal chelate compound (C) selected from the group consisting of an aluminum chelate compound, a titanium chelate compound and a zirconium chelate compound.

19. (New) The plastisol composition according to claim 7, comprising a zirconium chelate compound.

20. (New) A product comprising a substrate and a covering layer, wherein said covering layer is obtained by heating the plastisol composition according to claim 7.

21. (New) A molded article prepared by heating the plastisol composition according to claim 7.

22. (New) The viscosity modifier for a plastisol composition according to claim 1, wherein the total content of compounds (A1) and (C) in the viscosity modifier is 0.0001 parts by mass to 30 parts by mass with respect to 100 parts by mass of the polymer.

23. (New) The viscosity modifier for a plastisol composition according to claim 1, wherein the (meta)acrylic polymer has a weight average molecular weight of 10,000 to 5,000,000.

24. (New) The plastisol composition according to claim 7, wherein the total content of compounds (A1) and (C) is 0.0001 parts by mass to 30 parts by mass with respect to 100 parts by mass of the polymer.

25. (New) The plastisol composition according to claim 7, wherein the (meta)acrylic polymer has a weight average molecular weight of 10,000 to 5,000,000.